

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 140

(By Delegate Perdue, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Thompson, and Kominar)

Requesting the Division of Highways to name the bridge located at the intersection of County Highway 41 and Turkey Creek Road in Wilsondale, Wayne County, West Virginia, specifically bridge number 50-41/1-0.01, the "Sgt. Dewey Marcum Memorial Bridge."

WHEREAS, Dewey Marcum was born on March 28, 1928 in Wayne County, West Virginia to a coal miner and a housewife; and

WHEREAS, He married young to Oretha Marie Collins-Marcum and started a family that now includes seventeen children, thirty-four grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; and

WHEREAS, He enlisted in the United States Army and served with valor in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, He was wounded when a mortar struck his tank and ejected him from his vehicle; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the Army, he quickly climbed to the ranks of Sergeant and after having received an Honorable Discharge, he returned home and began the task of rebuilding his life; and

WHEREAS, He held several odd jobs and having seventeen

1 children, they were sometimes two or three simultaneously; and

2 WHEREAS, He worked as a truck driver for a local businessman,
3 in the coal mines where he contracted black lung and owned his own
4 saw mill for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1968 he contracted pneumonia and had to undergo a
6 left lung removal, but he continued to work hard to provide for his
7 family, until in 1986 he suffered a debilitating stroke which
8 rendered him bed confined under the care of his wife, aunts and
9 uncles; and

10 WHEREAS, In February of 1990 he lost two daughters in a car
11 wreck involving a coal truck and was never the same after this
12 loss; and

13 WHEREAS, Early on the morning of April 8, 1992, he passed away
14 at the Huntington Veteran's Hospital, from complications associated
15 with pneumonia at the age of 62; therefore, be it

16 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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18 at the intersection of County Highway 41 and Turkey Creek Road in
19 Wilsondale, Wayne County, West Virginia, specifically bridge number
20 50-41/1-0.01, the "Sgt. Dewey Marcum Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

21 *Further Resolved,* That the Commissioner of the Division of
22 Highways is hereby requested to cause to be fabricated signs to be
23 erected at each entry of said bridge, containing bold and prominent
24 letters proclaiming the bridge to be the "Sgt. Dewey Marcum

1 Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
3 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
4 Transportation, the Commissioner of the Division of Highways,
5 Matthew Derek Stroud and the surviving family members of Dewey
6 Marcum.